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COMMANDANT NOTICE 1572

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Subj: FY01 RESERVE WAR AND STAFF COLLEGE COURSES

Ref: (a) Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6A

1. PURPOSE. This Notice announces Reserve War and Staff College courses available during FY01. It is intended for use by Reserve officers and commands handling applications.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarters units and integrated support commands, and assistant commandants for directorates, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Notice.
3. DISCUSSION.
 - a. A panel will convene 01 June 2000 to consider Reserve officer applicants for graduate level War and Staff College courses. Only one panel will meet to choose nominees for all FY01 courses. Enclosure (1) contains course descriptions and class convening dates.
 - b. To ensure that the training received is effectively used, officers will not normally be considered for any War and Staff College course if they have attended another such course during the previous three years. Five years is required between attendance at Reserve Components National Security Courses (RCNSC). Attendance at any of these courses may preclude any other paid Active Duty for Training (ADT-AT) orders during the same anniversary year. Selectees who have already satisfied their annual training requirement and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members may be asked to attend in a nonpay status. Travel will be funded regardless of pay/nonpay status.
 - c. Updated information on Reserve War and Staff College courses is available on the internet at <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/uscg/hq/reserve/warstaff.htm>.

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4. PROCEDURES. Application packets shall be sent via the chain of command to arrive at Commander, Coast Guard Personnel Command (rpm) not later than 26 May 2000 and shall include:

- a. A Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453). Applicants are encouraged to apply for more than one course convening and shall rank order their choices on their request.
- b. A Reserve Officer Personal Resume (CG-5481) (Rev. 2-99).

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. All applicants are responsible for ensuring their Headquarters Officer Evaluation Report (OER) files are current. This is best done by informing Commander, (CGPC-rpm) directly if they have not received an official copy of any of their OERs within 90 days after the end of the reporting period in accordance with article 10.A.2c.(2)(g) of reference (a).
- b. The applicant's current reporting officer shall submit and enclose with the application packet a substantive letter of recommendation which emphasizes the applicant's qualifications for the training, ability to operate at a postgraduate level, current performance trends, and future potential within the Reserve Program. Integrated Support Commands (ISC) shall submit a substantive letter of recommendation for members assigned to the Active Status Pool (ASP). Any application missing a letter of recommendation shall be returned to the applicant.
- c. ISC commanders, group commanders, or unit commanding officers shall:
 - (1) Inform eligible candidates of the contents of this Notice.
 - (2) Ensure ASP members and Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA) are included when disseminating this information.
 - (3) Provide a signature endorsement only on the letter of recommendation unless a different recommendation from that of the reporting officer is warranted.
 - (4) Forward applications through the chain of command in time to meet the 26 May 2000 deadline for receipt at Commander, (CGPC-rpm).
 - (5) Perform OER rating chain duties in accordance with article 10.A.2 of reference (a) so the applicant's OER file is current.
- d. CGPC-rpm shall:
 - (1) Process applications for Reserve War and Staff College courses.

- (2) Convene a selection panel which will make selections based upon criteria provided by Commandant (G-WTR-1) and enclosure (1).
 - (3) Notify units and Commandant (G-WTR-1) of the results of the selection panel.
 - e. Commandant (G-WTR-1) will inform schools of the panel's results and act as a liaison between the students and the schools.
6. FORMS AVAILABILITY. Reserve Officer Resume (CG-5481) (Rev. 2-99) is attached as enclosure (2) and is available on Jetform Filler. Request for Reserve Orders (CG-3453) (Rev. 7-98) can be found on Jetform Filler.

Encl: (1) Reserve War and Staff College Course Information
(2) Reserve Officer Resume (CG-5481)(Rev. 2-99)

RESERVE WAR AND STAFF COLLEGE COURSE INFORMATION

1. **SENIOR RESERVE COMPONENTS OFFICER COURSE (SRCOC)** is conducted annually at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Description: A 6-day course focusing on war fighting at the operational level with particular emphasis on the current capabilities of our theatre forces. Reserve component officers lead scheduled discussions related to their respective component and participate in planning seminars which address active as well as Reserve requirements.

Eligibility/Quotas: Senior O-6 or above. 1 Quota.

Prerequisites: Top secret clearance.

Course Convening: October 2000

2. **RESERVE COMPONENTS NATIONAL SECURITY COURSE (RCNSC)** is conducted two times a year.

Description: The Reserve Components National Security Course is undergoing major changes to meet the goals of DoD policy. The new course will satisfy proposed Joint Military Professional Military Education requirements for Reserve officers serving in joint military billets. Eligibility for the course will be O-4 to O-6. We are encouraging applications to the panel so that a pool of pre-approved applicants will be available when quotas are determined.

Eligibility/Quotas: O-4 thru O-6. 7 quotas per class. Personnel who have attended an RCNSC course in the last five years are not eligible.

Prerequisites: Secret clearance

Course Convening: 10-21 July 2000 and February 2001

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3. **RESERVE OFFICER NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION MAKING (RO/NSDM)** is conducted annually at the Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Description: A 12-day executive development course focusing on contemporary national security thinking and its implication for structuring future military forces. Course content is drawn from changes in the national security environment, foundations of national security, competition for national resources, international institutions and collective security and various alternatives for downsizing. Specific attention is given to nuclear strategic mobility forces and reserve forces. Crisis response cases involving Lebanon and other contingencies are studied as guidelines for future use of military force. The course typically concludes with a resource constrained total force structure problem.

Eligibility/Quotas: O-4 thru O-6. 7 quotas.

Prerequisites: Secret clearance. Independent study and a thesis paper must be completed before reporting.

Course Convening: 22 January – 2 February 2001

4. **RESERVE OFFICER STRATEGY AND POLICY (RO/S&P)** is conducted annually at the Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Description: A 12-day study of the complex interactions between a nation's political interests and goals, and the way military force has been and may be used to serve those interests and goals. The course content centers on the analytical study of war. It includes studying the works of Sun-Tzu, Clausewitz, Mahan and Corbett; an analysis of strategic choices made during various major historical conflicts; and an expression of opinions on recent wars and conflicts which may occur in the future. The objective of this course is to acquaint officers with the fundamentals of using war as an instrument of foreign policy from an historical and contemporary perspective, to demonstrate the perennial dilemmas facing statesmen and senior officers, and to explore the full range of options available to decision makers in the fields of policy and strategy. Students gain a broader understanding of the decision making process and enhance their capability to participate.

Eligibility/Quotas: O-4 thru O-6. 7 quotas.

Prerequisites: Secret clearance. Independent study and a thesis paper must be completed before reporting.

Course Convening: 23 April - 4 May 2001

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5. **RESERVE OFFICER JOINT MILITARY OPERATIONS (RO/JOPS)** is conducted annually at the Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Description: An intensive 12-day course designed specifically to improve the ability of participating officers to employ military forces in joint and combined operational environments. Based on the seminar method of instruction, the course concentrates on the operational level of military activity across the entire spectrum of conflict from peacetime presence and lesser regional contingencies to coalition warfare and major regional contingencies. Course content includes study of the operational level of war, national military coalitions and alliances, service and joint doctrines, power projection, sea control, law of the sea, rules of engagement, capabilities and limitations of forces and weapons systems, and culminates in the development of a scenario-driven operations plan which is subsequently wargamed. The course will prepare officers to make or recommend sound military decisions as commanders or staff officers. Detailed objectives include increased insight into: operational art, operational level of war, principles of war and coalition warfare; national military command structure and joint operational planning; international law and controls on the application of forces; decision-making through analysis and comparison of alternatives; and selection, allocation and tasking of joint and combined forces.

Eligibility/Quotas: O-4 thru O-6. 7 quotas.

Prerequisites: Secret clearance. First consideration will be given to those members filling deployable elements or Composite Naval Coastal Warfare Unit and Port Security Unit billets. Prior preparation and study will be required by the prospective student, to include, an essay on a selected topic related to the course. Materials to support the prerequisite work will be forwarded to the student nominees approximately six weeks in advance of the due date of the essay. This essay will be mailed directly to the Naval War College for review, and will be returned to the student upon arrival. Services will be notified of final student selection following evaluation of the prerequisite. Submissions not meeting Naval War College standards or failure to meet established deadlines will result in quota re-allocation.

Course Convening: 10-21 September 2001